

To vs For

Use TO in these cases:

1. Destination

“We’re going **to** Paris.”

2. What time it is

“It’s a quarter **to** 2.”

3. Distance

“It’s about ten miles from my house **to** the university.”

4. Comparing

“I prefer sleeping **to** working.”

5. Giving

“I gave the book **to** my sister.”

6. Motive/Reason – with verb

“I came here **to** see you.”

Use FOR in these cases:

1. Benefits

“Yogurt is good **for** your digestion.”

2. Period of time

“We’ve lived here **for** 2 years.”

3. Schedule

“I made an appointment **for** May 3.”

4. Agree with

“Are you **for** or against the development of nuclear weapons?”

5. Doing something to help someone

“Could you carry these books **for** me?”

6. Motive/Reason – with noun

“Let’s go out **for** a drink.”

7. Function – with verb (-ing form)

“A ladle is a big spoon used **for** serving soup.”

Read the following sentences and decide if it is correct to

use “to” or “for”

1. I stopped _____ a coffee.
2. I stopped _____ have a coffee.
3. We work together _____ finish faster.
4. This program is made _____ understanding new techniques.
5. Sam works _____ 8 hours a day.
6. Jack prefers walking _____ swimming.
7. The students want to practice English _____ the test.
8. Drinking water is good _____ you.
9. It is about 15 min from my house _____ the gym.
10. They bought the pizza _____ the party.
11. These flowers are _____ your mother.
12. I will give the present _____ Melissa.
13. The big box is _____ saving new documents, the small one is _____ recycling.

14. John goes to school _____ his brother.

15. I made the call _____ him.

16. I need _____ call him.

17. Susy starts work at five _____ seven.

18. I made the appointment _____ April 2nd.

19. Could you give the class _____ me, please?

20. A bag is an object used _____ carrying different things.

21. These tennis shoes are _____ running.

22. Let's go to your house _____ dinner.

23. This card is _____ your birthday.

24. I want to learn English _____ my job. It's important _____ me because I want to move _____ a different country and also because it's good _____ my future.